

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 2nd January 2011

IRTS 80M Counties Contest

The 80m Counties Contest this year will be held tomorrow Monday the 3rd, the Bank Holiday. Rules in Echo Ireland and on the IRTS web site.

IRTS Committee Meeting

The provisional date for the next IRTS Committee Meeting is next Saturday 8th of January in Portlaoise. All affiliated Club reps are encouraged to attend.

WAI Square Checker

WAI square checker is available on line for those who maybe want to verify their grid square (also know as Tetrad).

The website www.gridreference.ie is accurate in the absence on an Ordnance Survey map. By simply zooming and clicking in on your location on the map , all very useful grid information can be found to the right of the page (WAI square is last on list - Letter followed by 2 digits).

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Tipperary Amateur Radio Group Would Like to wish all Radio Amateurs and Shortwave Listeners a Happy New Year and to get 2011 off to a good start the January meeting of the Group will take place in Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road, Clonmel on Thursday next the 6th at 8.00pm Weather Permitting All are welcome.

Olivier ON4EI / EI8GQB

Oliver is back again and will be QTV for the 80m Contest tomorrow and will also be active around family schedule during his stay. Of course for those of you that do not get a chance to work him during his stay this time, he is planning on returning in March for the WPX Contest.

DX News

Barney ZS6TQ is at present QRV from the Democratic Republic of the Congo using the call 9Q0HQ/6. Look for him on 40/20/15/10/6m. He plans to be there till 11th January and QSLs go via K3IRV.

For classical music lovers there is the chance to work a station commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of the composer Franz Liszt. The call HG200LST will be aired at various times during 2011 by a group of Hungarian amateurs.

Another special event station this time commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Brazilian scientist, inventor and radio pioneer Roberto Landell de Moura will be on during the month of January. The call to look for is PS150PLM and QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau.

Francis F6BLP will be on holiday in Senegal from 8th to 21st January and will take the opportunity to get on the air as 6W7SK. QSLs go via the home call and also via Logbook of the World.

Eddy ON4AFU will be in Thailand for the next 3 months and will activate HS0ZJF. While there he hopes to do some island trips and operate as HS0ZJF/8 from IOTA AS-101 and as HS0ZJF/9 from IOTA AS-126.

This week in History

1902 N.Stubblefield, USA, demonstrates his wireless telephone.

1936 First electron tube to enable night vision described, St Louis USA,

Happy New Year

The IRTS Radio Newsteam would like to wish all SWL's and Radio Amateurs a Happy New Year.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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